

PROPOSALS for the very great Honour, Safety  
and Advantage of the King and these King-  
doms, both by Sea and Land.

*Humbly Presented to the Right Honourable, the  
House of Commons now Assembled in Parlia-  
ment.*

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in the NAVY.

*May it please Your Honours:*

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**A**S it is most Certain, the Sun hath shined, so is it, The  
Consequence of these, are of that Extent, and  
Effect, as that the knowing them, may save or the  
not knowing them, may lose a Kingdom, in a time  
of such Necessity; And that they may not die with  
the Proposer, and how soon, not known, he Intend-  
ing beyond the Seas, nor the King and Kingdom lose them, nor the  
Proposer, so discouraged, as hath, without the least Reason, rendred  
against the greatest Truths, and greatest Things Imaginable; And it  
being most Safe, Easie, less Charge and Trouble, in a time of Peace,  
and Quietness, to provide against such a time of danger and distracti-  
on, in Loyalty to His Majesty, and Service to his Country, and  
for the very great Honour, Safety, and Advantage of All, &c.

*The Proposer humbly offers them to; And so prays of this Ho-  
nourable House, That they may be forthwith Experienced  
(which is Infallible) for that purpose (without any other obstru-  
ctive or destructive Reference) the only Proof to be Adventu-  
red for such Things, Men, and Reason, being often very blind  
Guides, falling very short of the full Truth, and Extent of  
things unheard of, &c.*

*Especially, for that they may all, be fully Experienced,  
without any other Charge considerable, than the day-  
ly subsistence of the Proposer, and two Clerks, for a  
short time; the other Materials being but few, and  
Inconsiderable, more than what His Majesty hath  
now ready, &c.*



1. **T**He certain discovery, not of any fraud or defrauders past, being too much trouble to all, but of all and every particular way, wherein any fraud or cheat, hath, is, or can be committed to the value of one penny, waisting His Majesties Treasure, the Sinews and Life of War, in any of His Majesties Ships of War, &c. which hath been adjudged a hundred thousand pounds a year in time of War, and is too much in Peace.

As to Victual, Pay, and Cloaths, with such Infallible preventions, for ever, of being defrauded one penny, and in a short time all others, in and of the Stores, Great, &c.

2. Manning the whole Fleet, without pressing, with as many Seamen and Boys, as in the Kingdom,

In one tenth part of the time, by pressing, and all ready to Sail, at one day, without the loss of past or present time, or lingering destructive Charge, and danger as formerly, not small or less, than the whole Kingdom, as hath been seen, had not Providence miraculously prevented, &c.

3. Paying the Fleet without Money.

At any time when Money is not in Bank, for that purpose, without any particular Ingagement, by, or destructive Interest from His Majesty, and all very well satisfied,

4. Shortning the Accompts, much easier and plainer.

So as the King, your Honours, or any other concerned or desirous, may check the Charge of the whole Navy, as to Victual, Pay, and Cloaths, in one hours time; but more especially, the Right Honourable Treasurer of the Navy, to whom it will be most, and every Moment useful, and an absolute Safeguard to him and with him the King, stopping the least drop of water, going by the Mill, to his, or the King's Damage, one penny, or the peoples.

5. All Seamen Incouraged to come voluntary, into the Service at all times.

And so Incouraged to fight.

6. By a New Invention in the Land Service; That

But Eight hundred Horse, and Four hundred Men shall do the Effectual Service of a hundred thousand Arms, and to be in the Field in one day, and may be raised to any other higher proportion, or number, either Wisdom, Policy or Pleasure, may desire, or the greatest necessity can require, Arms and Ammunition not wanting, all fairly, without the least surprisal, by undermining, blowing up, or any such thing.

7. Another by which any Army intending to besiege any Garrison, after once within Gun-shot, shall all, or as many as necessary, March up safe in one Body, to any Part, or surrounding the Walls, or Moes of the same in six hours where water hinders not, without Intrenching, &c. And so to continue, &c.

Though the Greatest, strongest, and most fiercest, ever was, is, shall, or can be, without the loss of one man, by Shot, Great or small, or otherwise, then some extraordinary Accident, as Blowing up, &c. And by which, and otherways, will, and must be taken, with one tenth of the Strength, Charge, Trouble, and time usual, though Dunkirk it self, now equal with most, and for which I would not give five shillings extraordinary: And as this is thus for Garrisons, so is the other for the Field, &c.

All which the Proposer, did humbly conceive he could not, but thus declare (though in a time of great Peace, none knowing how soon, a greater time of War may happen (our Neighbours Swords being so bloodily and revengefully drawn) without great Breach of Duty, to His King and Country; And humbly prays, such Incouragement, so far as Experience (which is Infallible) shall prove the Effects; And as such Indeavours, and Works, may in part deserve, and no further.

And so by these, and every other thing, God Save the King, &c.

ABRAHAM PARKER.

This one thing necessary, the Proposer thought good, humbly to acquaint your Honours, being that His Majesty, or this Honourable House its General Order to the Navy Board, only for their particular Orders, for the dayly Subsistence of the Proposer, and as aforesaid: Together, for all such things necessary for experiencing all these things, as are sufficiently enough within their Verge (not to the King's Charge or Damage five pounds) not only for all those of the Sea, but of the Land, and will be visible (which is Infallible) for Action, within fourteen or twenty days; And which Order and Charge will be the whole Purchase and Trouble, putting His Majesty, and this Kingdom, in full possession of all these things, and in Fee-simple, to the use, and for the very great Service of His Majesty, and His Royal Successors, and this Kingdom for ever, &c.

And it were too great a pity, these, worth more than any one particular, and Richest Jewel, any one Prince in Europe can produce, should be wanting to, or lost by this Crown and Kingdom, at so easie a Rate, as for want of an Order only, &c.

And it were a thousand times more pity, it should be forced into a Forreign one, as the Proposer hath been offered above a hundred thousand pound for the Sixth only (as all hath cost him ten years time with great pains, and several thousand pounds to obtain) but had rather live with good Christian Sustainance, serving his own Prince and Country, than by such Gratuities of and in a Forreigners. All being humbly submitted, &c.